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SUBJECT: OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: MANDATE FOR TASK
FORCE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MANDATE FOR THE "ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE" (AND EXPLANATORY INTRODUCTION)
AS APPROVED BY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AT ITS MARCH 5-7
MEETING (SEE SEPTTEL FOR REPORT ON MEETING).

"(A) THAT A SMALL SECRETARIAT "TASK FORCE" WILL BE
SET UP, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE 1975 PROGRAMME OF WORK AND
BUDGET (C(74)175, P.122), IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE LONG
TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS AND
PREPARE COMPANION REPORTS OR STUDIES WHICH WILL
FACILITATE THE ASSESSMENT OF MAJOR CHANGES IN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED FROM THE ENERGY SUPPLY
AND DEMAND SITUATION IN 1980 AND 1985. SUCH AN
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ASSESSMENT OR ASSESSMENTS WILL GIVEAN INDICATION

OF MEASURES, AND THE COST OF SUCH MEASURES THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT DAMAGING IMPACTS FROM OCCURRING. EMPHASIS ALSO WILL BE DEVOTED TO THOSE PROSPECTIVE ENERGY TRENDS IN USE AND DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO HAVE POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS. THE THRUST OF THE STUDY OR STUDIES SHALL BE DEVOTED TO PRIORITY PROBLEMS WHERE THE OECD IS LIKELY TO MAKE A DISTINCTIVE ADDITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY IN THE MEMBER STATES OR IN OTHER FORUMS.

THE FORMAL MANDATE FOR SUCH A "TASK FORCE" MIGHT BE:

- (I) TO TAKE NOTE OF PROBABLE CHANGES IN ENERGY SUPPLY AND CONSUMPTION PATTERNS;
 - (II) TO DEFINE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS CONNECTED WITH SUCH DEVELOPMENTS, NOTING THE RESULTS ALREADY ACHIEVED BY THE EXPLORATORY AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS (ENV(74)29);
 - (III) TO DEFINE ALTERNATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES WHICH ALLOW FOR NECESSARY ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS AND HELP ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
- (B) THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT TASK FORCE WILL BE GUIDED AND REVIEWED BY A STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF EXPERTS FROM THE INTERESTED MEMBER STATES.
- (C) THAT THE TASK FORCE AND STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD AN INITIAL ORGANIZING MEETING AND SUBMIT A PLAN ON THEIR PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE 15TH SESSION OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WITH THE VIEW OF HAVING THE RESULTS OF THIS EFFORT AVAILABLE IN TIME TO HELP SHAPE THE OECD'S 1976-1977 PROGRAM OF WORK.
- (D) THAT THE TASK FORCE AND STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT INTERIM REPORTS ON THE REQUEST OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE."

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